

Lancashire Schools Forum – Early Years Block Working Group

Monday, 22 June 2026, 1:00 pm in the Ribble Suite, The Exchange, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

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| 1. | Attendance and Apologies for Absence
To note any apologies for absence |
| 2. | Minutes of the Last Meeting (Attached)
To agree the minutes of the last meetings held on 5 March 2026 as a correct record. |
| 3. | Matters Arising
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meetings held on 5 March 2026 that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda. |
| 4. | Appointment of the Working Group Chair
To agree the Working Group Chair for the 2026/27 academic year. |
| 5. | School Budget Outturn 2025/26 (Attached)
To consider the report. |
| 6. | School Balances 2025/26 (Attached)
To consider the report. |
| 7. | Clawback 2026/27 (Attached)
To consider the report. |
| 8. | Early Years Budget 2026/27
Verbal update from service. |
| 9. | Early Years Budget Exceptional Funding 2026/27 (Attached)
To note the proposal. |
| 10. | Inclusive Early Years Fund Grant for 2026/2027 (Attached)
To note the grant allocation methodology. |
| 11. | Early Years Budget 2027/28
Verbal update from service. |



12. Inclusion Fund and Early Years Educational Health Care Plans Payment Process

To note the verbal update.

13. Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire (Attached)

To agree the proposed DfE updates.

14. Schools Forum Annual Report (Attached)

To agree the annual report for publication.

15. Any Other Business

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Early Years Block Working Group is arranged for 1:00pm 15 September 2026. Meeting arrangements to be confirmed in due course.

